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TO: Chief of Administration, DD/P

FROM: Acting Comptroller

SUBJECT: Placement of Agency Comptrollers or Principal Accounting Officers in Agency Controlled Projects

REFERENCE: Report of Auditor-in-Chief on "Round the World Inspection," dated 6 November 1953

1. The referenced report recommends that "a review be made of the larger subsidy and other projects to determine whether or not it is practicable to install Agency accountants in those projects where the size warrants and where none are provided." This recommendation was based upon conversations between the Auditor-in-Chief and certain subsidy project case officers in [REDACTED] who stated that since the [REDACTED] offices of several large subsidy projects had no Agency Comptrollers, the case officers were unable to determine that sound finance operations were being performed. The case officers stated that it is highly desirable, if practicable, to have an Agency Comptroller placed in these large projects and that this could be accomplished through the [REDACTED] offices of the respective projects without violation of cover.

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2. This Office is in full accord concerning the desirability for placing an experienced Comptroller or accountant in each large Agency project to assure proper control over funds provided by the Agency and the submission of objective, accurate and prompt financial reports to the Agency showing utilization by the project of Agency funds. With this in view, this Office, in collaboration with the Commercial Division, has undertaken and made effective a program to provide a source for the recruitment of experienced, well-trained Comptroller-type personnel for Agency projects and has supplied such personnel for all projects for which requests have been received up to this date. In addition, a number of candidates are now available to meet further needs for such personnel; however, because of the fact that very few requests for such personnel have been received, the program for establishing the availability of such additional candidates in a reserve or pool status has been discontinued temporarily.

3. In view of the evident need for strengthening ^{the accounting personnel in} the overseas offices of certain projects, in accordance with the comments of the Agency case officers in [REDACTED] it is suggested that the Office of the Deputy Director (Plans)

follow the recommendation of the Auditor-in-Chief and initiate a review

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of each subsidy and proprietary project to determine the feasibility of installing experienced, well-trained Comptroller-type personnel in those projects in which the need therefor exists. In this connection it is believed essential by this Office that the "key" accounting personnel in all such projects be Agency-controlled, witting staff or contract agents to assure the proper safeguarding of Agency interests and the rendition of informative and accurate financial reports.

4. This Office will be glad to discuss with ~~the~~ representatives of your Office the placement of appropriate accounting personnel in those projects which need such staffing.

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CC: Chief, Commercial Division

Auditor-in-Chief

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